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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

BHUTTO MOVES AGAINST ENEMIPS: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO CUT SHORT HIS FOREIGN TRAVEL YESTERDAY FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION ON SATURDAY OF HOME MINISTER SHERPAD. THE HOME MINISTER HAD BEEN BHUTTO'S DE FACTO VICERUY IN THE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER PROVINCE. THE INCIDENT POSES NO DIRECT THREAT TO BHUTTOIS POSITION BUT HIS REACTION TO IT COULD EXACERBATE PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMB THAT KILLED SHERPAD. THE GOVERNMENT, HOMEVER, HAS ARRESTED AT LEAST 50 OPPOSITION LEADERS, INCLUDING NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY CHIEF. WALE KHAN AND ALL OF HIS TOP AIDES. BHUTTO'S DECISION TO CRACK DOWN ON THE NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY -- HE STRONGEST PARTY IN THE MORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE -- WILL INCREASE TENSION WITH APGHANISTAN, WHICH HAS LONG SUPPORTED THE NATIONAL AWAMT PARTY BECAUSE OF THE ETHNIC TIFS BETWEEN APGHANS AND MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE.

TRAN AND CUBA ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS: FBIS QUOTES AN IRANIAN DOMESTIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY THAT CUBA AND TRAN ARE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASE SADORIAL LEVEL.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

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GUINEA, ARAB STATES PLAN BAUXITE CONSORTIUM: GUINEA AND A GROUP OF ARAB STATES HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO ESTABLISH A BAUXITE MINING CONSORTIUM WITH AN INITIAL CAPITAL OF MORE THAN \$2 BIL-LION. THE CONSORTIUM IS TO EXPLOIT RESERVES IN NORTHWESTERN GUINEA ESTIMATED AT 500 MILLION TONS. ACCORDING TO REPORTS PUBLISHED IN GUINEA, THE ARAB STATES INVOLVED ARE KUWAIT, EGYPT, LIBYA, AND THE UAF. OTHER REPORTS INCLUDE SAUDI ARABIA AND POSSIBLY ALGERIA ON THE LIST. THE PROJECT PROBABLY REPRESENTS AN EFFORT BY THE ARABS TO LINE UP A SUPPLY OF BAUXITE FOR PLANTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. EGYPT HAS ALMOST COMPLETED A PLANT FOR PRODUCING ALUMINA, AND SAUDI ARABIA IS KNOWN TO HAVE PLANS FOR AM ALUMINUM SMELTER. GUINEA PRODUCES OVER ONE FIFTH OF THE WORLD'S RESERVES.

SPAIN STRENGTHENS PORCES IN MOROCCAN ENGLAVES: SPAIN SENT NAVAL AND MARINE REINFORCEMENTS TO ITS ENCLAVES OF CEUTA AND MELILLA OVER THE WEEKEND, APPARENTLY IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE CLEAR ITS REJECTION OF MOROCCAN CLAIMS TO THE TERRITORIES. LATE LAST MONTH, RABAT MADE A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE UN COM-MITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION THAT IT EXAMINE THE STATUS OF THE SBPANISH ENCLAYES. MORDCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI FOLLOWED THIS WITH A CALL FOR THE RFTURN OF THE TWO ENCLAVES, AS WELL AS SPANISH SAHARA. THE MOROCCAN ACTION ON THE ENCLAVES PRO-VOKED ALARM AND INDIGNATION IN SPAIN. MILITARY CONTACTS OF THE U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHES IN MADRID STRESSED THAT, ALTHOUGH MADRID INTENDS TO WITHORAW FROM THE SAHARA, IT WILL NEVER WITH-DRAW FROM THE ENGLAYES. TOUR EMBASSY IN MADRID BELIEVES THAT IF SPATH LOSES IN THE UN ON THIS ISSUE, IT WILL IGNORE ANY SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ENCLAVES. SPAIN MAY RATSE THE ISSUE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH RESUME TODAY IN MADRID OVER RENEWAL OF U.S. BASE RIGHTS IN SPAIN. SPANISH OFFICIALS ALSO REACTED NEGATIVELY TO NEWS OF U.S. ARMS SALES TO MOROCCO DURING THE SPANISHMOROCCAN DISPUTE. OVER THE SAHARA. CIA BELIEVES THIS BITTERNESS MAY INTENSIFY IF MOROCCO CONTINUES TO PRESS ITS CLAIM FOR THE ENCLAVES.

PERON HOVES AGAINST RERELS: PRESIDENT PERON HAS GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD TO THE ARGENTINE ARMY TO MOVE FORCEFULLY AGAINST LEFT-WING, GUERRILLAS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE FIRST TARGET OF THE ARMY IS TO BE IN THE NORTHWEST PROVINCE OF TUCUMAN, WHERE THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY IS ALIVE. POLICE INEFFECTIVENESS AND NUMEROUS ASSASSINATIONS OF ARMY OFFICERS APPARENTLY HAVE CONVINCED THE ARMY THAT IT MUST DO SO. THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HELIEVES THE ARMY MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY ACHIEVING A QUICK SUCCESS; THE GUERRILLAS HAVE ELUDED ITS TROOPS IN THE PAST.

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